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1. YOU SHOULD APPROACH FRG AUTHORITIES AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL ASAP AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. ALTHOUGH FRG HAS EXPRESSED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCEPTING INDOCHINA REFUGEES, AS REPORTED REF A, BY JULY 8, ACCORDING TO UNHCR STATISTICS, IT HAD ACCEPTED ONLY FOUR REFUGEES FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. SAME STATISTICS SHOW, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAD APPROVED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN THE FRG ABOUT 1,800 VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO WERE IN GERMANY BEFORE THE COLLAPSE OF THE INDOCHINA STATES. WE PRESUME THAT THESE ARE MOSTLY STUDENTS MENTIONED REF B, BUT IT APPEARS THAT NO FAMILY MEMBERS OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

3. DESPITE THIS COMMENDABLE ACTION, WE HOPE THAT FRG WILL MAKE A MUCH GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION OF THE OVER-ALL INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM. FOR INSTANCE, OVER ONE HUNDRED REFUGEES IN THE U.S. SYSTEM HAVE INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN GERMANY. MOST OF THESE HAVE RELATIVES OR SOME OTHER CONNECTION THERE; HOWEVER, PROCESSING OF THEIR APPLICATIONS BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES AT THE STATE LEVEL HAS BEEN VERY SLOW, WITH SOME REFUGEES WAITING FOR MORE THAN TEN WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE. IN THE MEANTIME OTHER OPTIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT ARE EITHER NOT BEING PURSUED OR ELSE VALUABLE SPONSORSHIPS OFTEN ARE BEING TAKEN UP BY THOSE WHO BECOME DISCOURAGED AT THE SLOW GERMAN RESPONSE AND TAKE U.S. OFFERS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE STILL 20,000 REFUGEES IN EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO RESETTLE THERE. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE IN EXCESS OF 6,000 OF THEM, BUT THIS MEANS THAT FOR MANY THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OF OUR NUMERICAL CEILING AND LACK OF MOVEMENT FROM OUR SYSTEM TO THIRD COUNTRIES. HERE AGAIN, WE HOPE THAT THE FRG CAN TAKE UP TO ONE THOUSAND OF THE REMAINDER STRANDED IN HONG KONG, KOREA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE. CONGRESS IS CLOSELY WATCHING THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE U.S. IN RESETTLING THE REFUGEES.

4. WE REALIZE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN
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GERMANY MUST BE PROCESSED BY THE VARIOUS LAENDER, AND THAT THERE MAY BE LOCAL RESISTANCE. WE ASSUME THAT THERE IS SOME FORM OF UNIFIED SYSTEM OR UNIFORM FEDERAL PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH APPLICATIONS FROM REFUGEES ARE PROCESSED, ALTHOUGH IN PRACTICE REQUESTS TO RESETTLE IN GERMANY HAVE RECEIVED A WIDE VARIETY OF RESPONSES FROM THE VARIOUS FREMDENAEMTER. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE AMT WILL REQUIRE DOCUMENTS NOT REQUIRED BY ANOTHER. IN ANY EVENT, THERE HAVE BEEN

ONLY NINE APPROVALS IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

5. AS A MATTER OF SOLIDARITY AMONG ALLIES, REF C, WE REQUEST THAT GERMANY SPEEDILY TAKE THOSE APPLYING FOR RESETTLEMENT IN GERMANY. WE WILL PROVIDE LIST OF NAMES IF DESIRED. WE ALSO ASK THAT GERMANY CONSIDER TAKING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE 20,000 REFUGEES REMAINING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

6. CAMPS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE DOSSIERS, REF D, TOGETHER WITH REASONS FOR APPLICATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN GERMANY ARE READY TO FORWARD UPON INSTRUCTION FROM IATF. KISSINGER

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